

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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form a multilayer distributed structure in the resin matrix, the oxygen absorbing agent comprises oxygen absorbing agent particles composed of a reducing iron powder and a layer of an oxidation promoter or a catalyst which sticks to the surface of the reducing iron powder, and the oxygen absorbing agent particle has an average particle diameter of 10 to 50 μm as measured by a laser scattering method and an aspect ratio (short axis size/long axis size) of 0.6 or below being present in an amount of at least 50% and is a flat or spindle-shaped particle having a compression degree of at least 20%.

8. (Amended) An oxygen-absorbing resin composition according to claim 1 wherein the oxygen absorbing agent is oxygen absorbing agent particles having the oxidation promoter or the catalyst which is present in an amount of 0.1 to 5 % by weight based on the reducing iron powder, and has a specific surface area of at least 0.5 m^2/g and an apparent density of not larger than 2.2 g/cc.

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10. (Amended) An oxygen-absorbing resin composition according to claim 1 wherein the oxygen absorbing agent particle is obtained by dry milling a reducing iron powder and a powder of an oxidation promoter or a catalyst.